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**TOWN OF DARIEN BOARD OF EDUCATION CENTRAL OFFICE/**  
**MATHER CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, October 23, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Town of Darien Board of Education Central Office/Mather Center Building Committee was held on October 23, 2012. Present were Chairman David Campbell, Vice Chairman Robin Woods, Louis Gesauldi, and Elizabeth Hagerty-Ross. Also present was Town Administrator Karl Kilduff, Clerk of the Works John Ryan, and Architects Tom Arcari and Kevin McFarland.

John Hertz was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 12:09 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a) Project Update on Board of Education Central Office Phase**

It was reported that the contracts for the General Contractor were ready for signature to move forward with the construction phase.

**b) Project Update on Mather Center Phase**

A list of potential value engineering (VE) items from Dapreio Construction was distributed to the Committee. Chairman Campbell stated that it was his goal to secure \$350,000 in deducts through the value engineering process in order to move forward on all aspects of the project. It was noted that some items on the list may not be taken and that some items were still pending a value being assigned. Mr. McFarland added that there were new items to be prices which did not appear on the list.

It was highlighted for the Committee that the biggest VE item was retaining the 30 ton chiller and using existing duct work where possible. The new VE items were described as:

- Adjusting the patio design with grading and asphalt path in lieu of a retaining wall and pavers.
- Amending the dumpster enclosure to chain link and vinyl strips in lieu of decorative wood.
- Eliminating the stair inside the building at the grade change.
- Have town resources produce shelving in lieu of the contractor providing the same.
- Rehabilitate some windows in lieu of a new curtain wall.

Hazardous materials abatement remains an outstanding issue. Mr. Ryan reported that draft bid specifications are due on November 7 and that would include an estimated cost for the work.

Mr. Arcari recommended to the Committee that it ask the General Contractor for the length of time they would hold the price on VE items so decisions might be made later in the project.

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**c) Other Items of Relevance to the Committee**

Mr. Ryan reported that 35 Leroy was now one month behind schedule which would have the Board of Education move take place near the Easter break. Coordinating the move was briefly discussed.

It was noted that the Committee was still waiting on a response from Mr. Lynch regarding those offices at 35 Leroy preferring VCT or carpeting in order to finalize one of the value engineering items.

Ms. Hagerty-Ross moved, seconded by Ms. Woods, to approve the minutes of October 16, 2012. The motion passed 4-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Karl F. Kilduff

Town Administrator